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SUBJECT:

Symposium Sponsored by

The European Conference on Human Rights,

1-2 September 1986

Poindexter and Cannistraro assure me this has been taken care of.

William J. Casey

Attachment:

Undated Memo, Subject: Request for Assistance in Declining A Message from the President to a Symposium Sponsored by The European Conf. on Human Rights and Self-Determination



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SUBJECT: Request for Assistance in Declining a Message from The President to A Symposium Sponsored by The European Conference on Human Rights and Self-Determination

1. Background: The European Conference for Human Rights and Self-Determination is a non-governmental, conservative organization founded in 1974 in Switzerland to advance the cause of human rights in Europe. Its aims and activities

consonant with U.S. policy objectives. On 1 and 2 September 1986, The Conference will sponsor a symposium in Bern, Switzerland, the theme of which is "Strategy for Peace." We undertand that among the invitees to this symposium are USIA Associate Director (for Bureau of Programs) Charles Horner and a Professor Loebl from New York.

- Senior board members of The Conference nave just learned that The White House proposes to send to the upcoming symposium, via USIA Associate Director Horner or Professor Loebl, a personal message from President Reagan; and, they are greatly concerned that the message will overshadow all else at the symposium and will give ammunition to critics of The Conference who seek to portray it as supported and directed by the U.S. Government (which it is not).
- 3. While honored and heartened by this proposed demonstration of support from The President, the board members of The Conference would much prefer that such a message not be sent to the upcoming symposium.

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